മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ : ഏതെല്ലാം പഞ്ചായത്തുകളിലാണ് പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പിലോനപ്പൻ : ചെല്ലാനം, പൊറത്തിശ്ശേരി, വേലൂർ, മുകുന്ദപുരം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ : തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിൽ പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യം കിട്ടാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യം കൊടുത്തതല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പിലോനപ്പൻ : അതെ.

193. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Panchayats in the State;

(*b*) how many Depressed Class members are represented there in the Panchayats altogether?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 87.

(*b*) 4.

Mrs. K. Dakshayani Valayudhan *(Nominated):* Does the Government think that this is a fair representation?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a matter of opinion. In view of the question, we will think over the matter whether it is possible to increase.

Mr. S. P. Luis *(Nominated):* Are the Anglo-Indians given any representation in the Panchayats?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No special representation.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS RAISED TO HIGH SCHOOLS

194. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was there not a request from the public of Vadakkancheri to raise the Lower Secondary School to High School standard ;

(*b*) what is the attendance of the girls in the H. S., Vadakkancheri in Form IV, V and VI in the last three educational years and this year ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No. Not in the course of the last 8 years.

(*b*)

	1117	1118	1119	1120
Form IV	22	23	22	18.
Form V	26	16	16	20.
Form VI	15	12	21	15.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of this fairly large number of girls attending the boys, high school, will the question of raising the girls lower secondary school to a high school be favourably considered by the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In the first place I cannot say that the number is fairly large. The Hon'ble Member will see that the strength has in one sense gone down. In the second place, 18, 20 and 15 are not large enough for division. So I cannot definitely say that there is a very strong case for a separate girls' high school as judged by numbers. As far as I am aware there is no articulate demand for a separate school for girls. Of course, there is one reason why a separate school will be desirable. That is due to the lack of accommodation in the Boys' High School. If we are going to have one more High School, it may be a girls' school. Beyond that, I do not think there is a case made out by these figures.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether in other places, with less strength than the strength mentioned here, girls' high schools are maintained, where there were boys' high schools.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I don't think they are maintained. I know the case which the Hon'ble Member has in view, but that school, Girls' High School, Chittur, has become stronger.

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